SYNOPSIS

'BUT HE'S A LORD, MR. CALLAN'

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ACT I

Lord Lindale is blackmailing Caroline Fielding over an early indiscretion of her husband, John, who now has an important post in Washington, is a friend of the United States' President's son and is doing a good job for Britain. Hunter decides that Lindale must be eliminated. He tries to get Callan involved by sending to him a Captain Miller. Captain Miller is also a former member of the Section. Callan deserted Miller, on orders from Hunter, in a crisis five years ago with the result that Miller got five years in jail. Callan feels guilty about him. Miller suggests to Callan that they go into partnership in cheating Lord Lindale who is an enthusiastic gambler. Callan refuses, but is suspicious and goes along to a gaming club to which he has just mysteriously, been made a member. There he sees, Hunter and his assistant Meres, and meets Lindale and Caroline. Miller is there too, and with Lindale and Caroline he goes with him to Lindale's house to play poker. Lindale cheats, but with Miller's help, Callan manages to win in the end. The next morning Caroline goes to Callan's flat to beg him not to win any more money from Lindale as it is her money that he uses.

ACT II

With Lonely 's help, Callan burgles Lindale's house and finds the photographic evidence with which Lindale is blackmailing Caroline Fielding, and realizes why Hunter has involved him. Miller, Hunter, Callan and Caroline are invited to Lindale's country home for a weekend of cards. They play poker through the night, at the end of which Lindale owes Callan £18,000 in promissory notes (I.O.U.s').

ACT III

Everyone goes out shooting except Callan. He is left alone with Lindale who pulls a gun on him and tells him that he had been informed by Meres that Callan was a cheat. He says he will kill Callan, but first he will get his IOU's back. Callan, playing for time, says that the IOU's may be in his bedroom and Lindale locks him in the gun room. Callan is now surrounded

ACT III (cont'd)

by guns but the cartridges are locked away. He shouts to Miller through the window to throw him some cartridges. However, in revenge for the five years in jail (for which he blames Callan) Miller makes him plead and then throws just one shot. Lindale returns, intending to lock Caroline in with Callan, but Callan has hidden behind the door and kills Lindale with the one bullet. He finds the compromising negatives and a set of prints. He tells Caroline to burn the negatives, but keeps the prints himself. With these he blackmails Hunter into letting Miller take the blame for Lindale's death.

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CAST LIST

CALLAN	EDWARD WOODWARD
HUNTER	RONALD RADD
MERES	ANTHONY VALENTINE
LORD LINDALE	DONALD HEWLETT
CAROLINE	ANN BELL
CROUPIER	DENE COOPER
MILLER	GERALD FLOOD
LONELY	RUSSELL HUNTER
PARLOUR MAID	MARTHA GIBSON
POLICE SERGEANT	KENNETH CAMPBELL

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